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EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE INTERBODY  
SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT WITH TAPERED  
CONFIGURATION DURING INSERTION

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of June 16, 2006, the period for reply having been extended by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.